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**OFFICER JIMMY LAWS
CUMBERLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
RECEIVES U.S. ATTORNEY'S AWARD FOR
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO RIGHTS OF VICTIMS**

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - In celebration of National Crime Victim's Rights Week, which was April 25-May 1, Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, recognized Officer Jimmy Laws of the Cumberland Police Department, as a 2010 recipient of the United States Attorney's Carol S. Morris Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Rights of Victims at the Cumberland Town Council meeting last evening.

This is a special award given annually by the United States Attorney's Office to honor individuals whose commitment and effort impacts the lives of crime victims in the Southern District of Indiana. It reflects the nation's heightened awareness of the devastating impact of crime and violence on its victims, while underscoring the importance of helping victims heal and rebuild their lives.

Officer Jimmy Laws has served as a police officer with the Cumberland Police Department since 2006. Nominated by his Chief and the Cumberland Town Council President, Officer Laws has demonstrated a passion for helping victims of crime. Known in the community as Officer Jimmy, he is a "pay it forward" type of person. Whether it is followup with a family that suffered the loss of a child, working with people whose family residence was destroyed by fire, or counseling and assisting other victims of crime, Officer Jimmy Laws has distinguished himself.

The U.S. Attorney's Award was established in the Southern District of Indiana in 1991 to recognize those persons who have made significant contributions in the lives of crime victims. The mission of National Crime Victim's Rights Week is to provide a time of nationwide

remembrance, reflection and re-commitment for crime victims, survivors and those who serve them in order to raise individual and public awareness about the rights and needs of victims.

During the past three decades, the United States has made dramatic progress in securing rights, protections, and services for victims of crime. Every state has enacted victims' rights laws; law enforcement agencies give victims greater protection; and more than 10,000 victim assistance programs have been established throughout the country.

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